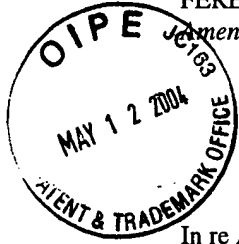


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1. ☒ Applicant requests an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action. A Petition for an extension of time is enclosed.
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2. ☐ In the event that an extension of time is required, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.
3. ☐ Small Entity status of this application has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
4. ☐ A verified statement to establish Small Entity status is enclosed.

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